(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the rural products marketing,

(b) if so, the details of the action plan indicating the amount that would be invested in the sector; and

(c) the number of jobs that would be generated as a result thereof, year-wise?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Government is not contemplating to develop a separate agency for developing the marketing of rural products. The Ministry of Rural Development provides assistance to States for marketing of SGSY products, which also includes assistance for organizing Regional Saras fairs.

(c) Question does not arise.

Pending proposal for land development and irrigation for BPL in MP

†2455. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal regarding a special project of land development and irrigation for the families living below poverty line in three development blocks of Sivani district has been sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to Central Government and the same is pending for approval so far; and

(b) if so, by when it would be accorded approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has received a Special Project namely, "Land Development and Irrigation for Families Living Below Poverty Line in Three Development Blocks of Sivani District of Madhya Pradesh" with a total cost of Rs. 15.41 crore. The Ministry has already sanctioned 18 Special Projects to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 156.21 crores. A comprehensive review of on-going projects will be made by the Ministry before approving new projects.

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